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CARJACKER SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that DOMINIC BROWN, 22, was sentenced today in United States District Court in Savannah by Chief U.S. District Judge William T. Moore, Jr. to 300 months (25 years) imprisonment. Following a jury trial, Brown had been convicted on October 28, 2004, for the offenses of Carjacking, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Crime of Violence. There is no parole from a federal sentence.

Trial testimony revealed that on February 9, 2004, Brown and an unidentified accomplice requested a ride from the victim, then produced guns and forced him to pull over at a remote location near I-516 and Gwinnett Street. After removing the victim from the car, they beat and robbed him. The victim testified that Brown then stood over him, and after telling him that he was "going to die," shot him in the abdomen. Brown and the other assailant then fled in the victim's car. The dazed and bleeding victim managed to reach I-516, where he began flagging down cars. The police arrived and rushed him to Memorial Medical Center for treatment. The victim's treating physician testified at trial that the injuries were severe and life threatening, and that the victim remained in treatment for approximately six months.

Brown was apprehended several hours after the shooting, when he was spotted driving the

victim's car in downtown Savannah. After a brief chase in which he crashed the victim's car, Brown fled from the vehicle but was immediately caught and arrested by police. He was found to have the victim's driver's license and bank card in his pocket, the victim's blood on his clothing, and was seen by police throwing down a pistol just before he was apprehended.

Wood praised the work of Assistant United States Attorney Darrin L. McCullough who prosecuted the case and the investigative efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

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